

Officers for Jr. Chamber Group Chosen

Pro-tem officers were elected and key figures in the state and national junior chamber of commerce movement spoke at an organizational meeting of a proposed Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce group last Thursday.

During the meeting held in the City Council chambers, Howard Percy was named president; Harvey Abramson, vice president; Leland Franz, acting secretary. Officers were elected on a temporary basis.

Among those who addressed a 25-person gallery were Dr. Phillip Rheams, of Long Beach, state president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; Phillip Molen, a national junior chamber director from Glendale; Jim Grubb, vice president of the state group; Bill Peacock, president of the San Pedro junior chamber.

Local junior chamber of commerce organizers agreed to meet with Torrance's senior group when it convenes in September.

Among those who attended the recent meeting were Howard Percy, Leland Franz, William G. Peacock, Bill Schmitz, Jack Baldwin, Jess Dean, R. G. Simmons, J. J. Banks, Robert M. Almond, John Meyer, W. R. Zapras, Joe J. Snow, V. E. J. Lovelady, Wayne Lovelady, William W. Hartley, Eugene B. Turner, Curton W. Simmons, Charles C. Schiltz, Robert S. Peckham; Walter E. Foster, Harvey S. Abramson, Dwight Eubank, E. S. Karlow, Robert L. Wellen Jr., M. L. Alvis, Boris S. Woolley and Stan H. Harris.

... Recall

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funds in excess of \$1000 and specifically in the paving of Hawthorne boulevard.

6. The city fathers are said to have made illegal appointments to civil service positions and that city money is being illegally spent in paying these salaries.

7. The bus department is claimed to be operating at a loss—a result of city council action where—as it formerly showed a profit, the notice states.

Bowman stated the remaining members of the Torrance Civic Betterment Group—the recall committee, wished to remain anonymous at this time. He said there were eight members on the committee.

According to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, quoting from the election code, the recall motion would be put on the ballot if the petition is signed by qualified voters equal in number to 25 per cent of the entire number of votes cast for all candidates for the office held by the incumbent at the last preceding regular municipal election at which the office was filled by election.

In the case of Jackson, who was elected in 1946 with a total vote cast of 2437 it would require 610 signatures to place his name on the recall ballot.

Haggard, who was elected in 1948 under a total vote cast of 3169 would go on the ballot for recall if 793 voters signed the petition.

They would remain in office however if the majority of the votes cast at the special election failed to be in favor of the recall.

If recalled the council could appoint a man to fill the unexpired term of the recalled councilman. If they could not agree on the appointment a special election would have to be held to allow the voters to elect a new councilman to serve the unexpired term of office.

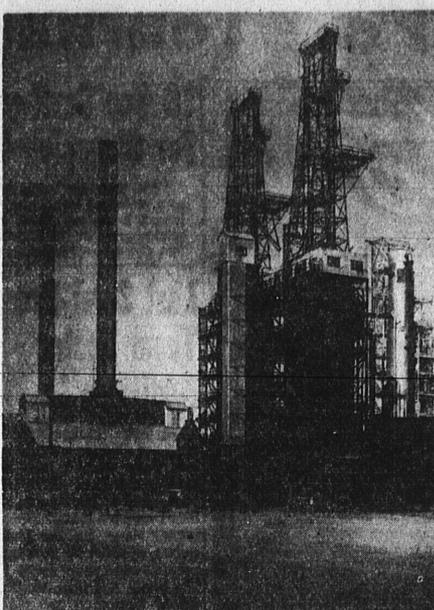
If the proponents are successful in obtaining the required number of signatures on the petition calling for the election the city council must set a date for the special election. City Clerk Bartlett estimated that the cost of the special election would run between \$6000 and \$8000. This would be borne by the city regardless of the outcome of the recall.

Vets to Name Delegate

Selection of a convention delegate to the 29th National Convention of Disabled American Veterans in Cleveland, August 14 to 20, will be announced next week, according to James G. Caldwell, 22120 Moneta avenue, acting commander of the South Bay chapter 92.

The DAV Commander said that a number of resolutions sponsored by his Chapter and the DAV State Department will be carefully considered at the Cleveland Convention.

"One of our most important activities," Caldwell said, "is our participation in the National Convention."



SCENE OF EXPANSION . . . A third derrick will soon join these two which tower more than 200 feet in the air above General Petroleum's Torrance refinery. Each derrick serves two coke drums. A \$2,250,000 expansion project will add two more drums and will increase capacity of the unit by 50 per cent.

SHIFT IN OIL MARKET SPURS CONVERSION JOB

The shift in the market for heavy fuel oil was reported last week as the prime reason for General Petroleum Corporation's \$2,250,000 expansion program in Torrance. Equipment to be installed will be used for the conversion of its surplus heavy fuel now flowing into storage here at a rate which threatens to overtax the capacity of the warehouses.

One market for such fuel slipped away when the railroads converted from heavy fuel oil to diesel, as have many oil burning ships.

Another market disappeared when the Near East took over the job of supplying the Far Eastern trade, which used to be supplied from here.

General Petroleum, which already has the largest conversion unit of its kind, has learned from three years' experience that a barrel of heavy fuel oil, fed into a "coker," will yield about 20 per cent gasoline, 50 per cent gas oil, some petroleum gases which may be liquefied—"bottle gas"—and about 85 pounds of coke. A large volume of Methane and Ethane gases are also produced.

The company expects to sell the heavy fuel oil in "other forms, which it can no longer sell as heavy fuel oil."

The expansion project will increase the capacity of the plant by from 50 to 80 per cent. The project will add more than 50 per cent to the ability of the company's local refinery to squeeze out the last valuable light hydrocarbons contained in the fuel oil, leaving only solid "coke."

The expansion of the facilities for this secondary refining process—one for which General Petroleum already has the largest installation in the world—is particularly significant at this time.

While market demand for this product has slipped, demand for other products, such as gasoline, has risen. The paradox is that a refinery cannot make gasoline without making heavy fuel oil.

The more of one he turns out, the more he gets of the other, since both are found in his raw material—crude oil.

With crude oil prices and other costs remaining high, and with reduced revenue coming in from the sale of heavy fuel, the drain on the working capital of the refining industry has been great.

General Petroleum first tackled this problem actually before it arose. In 1946 the company erected a "coker" refining unit in its Torrance refinery, capable of processing 15,000 barrels (of 42 gallons) each day. It is the largest unit of its kind in the world.

The coke—over 600 tons daily—is carried away from the refinery in huge trucks—an unusual sight in an industry accustomed to having most of its products in fluid or gaseous form. It is used chiefly for the manufacture of electrodes.

The existing unit has four huge drums, each 17 feet in diameter and 80 feet high, lined with stainless steel. In them the heavy fuel oil is "cooked" until only solid coke remains. Additional components of the unit include a fractionating tower, furnaces, heat exchangers, and de-coking equipment.

The expansion project will add two more coke drums and another furnace. The other portions of the existing unit are being revised to permit them to handle the greater charge.

Design engineering for the expansion project is being done by the M. W. Kellogg Co. It will be constructed by the Bechtel Co. Completion is scheduled for early in 1950.

Police Hunt Attacker of Baby Sitter

The police search continued this week for the man who Friday criminally assaulted and slashed a 14-year-old girl, whom he had hired as a baby sitter.

The suspect, who told the victim's parents that he was from Torrance, threatened the girl with a pocket knife as he forced her to disrobe in a deserted oil field near the Torrance city limit. He slashed her foot with the blade.

The girl, who lives in Redondo Beach, described the man as six feet tall, weighing 200 pounds and wearing a tan jacket and khaki clothing.



ROGER L. WILEY . . . Selling America

R. L. WILEY IS ROTARY SPEAKER

Members of the Torrance Rotary Club will hear an address by Roger L. Wiley, of the Kelly-Read public relations firm, at their meeting at the Women's Club this evening. Wiley's topic subject will be, "Selling America to Americans."

As western division manager for Kelly-Read, Wiley has been instrumental in presenting his firm's management-labor program to many Southland industries.

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Community Chest Chairman Named July Disabled Get \$10,000

The job of coordinating the efforts of thousands of volunteers in the Community Chest Fall campaign in Torrance and other Harbor District cities and towns with the work being done in other major sections has been taken over by John E. Fishburn Jr., senior vice president of Bank of America.

Harrison Chandler, vice president of Times-Mirror Company, will serve as Fishburn's vice chairman and together they will work with local campaign heads here, and in Huntington Park-Southeast, Inglewood-Southwest and San Fernando Valley districts, which contain 41 cities and towns served by Community Chest health, welfare and youth agencies. Both are volunteers.

Workers in the Torrance area collected \$10,980.85 in State Disability Insurance payments during the month of July, according to the most recent report from V. L. Hetzel, district manager of the program.

Disability Insurance is intended to partially offset worker's wage losses during periods of illness or injury longer than eight days. Hetzel stated, "The program is financed by the 1 per cent unemployment insurance tax deducted from employees pay."

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Torrance Residents

Here are a few of the reasons why 2 members of the City Council should be recalled

Illegally appointed George W. Stevens as city manager at a salary of \$750.00 per month, an increase of \$305.00 per month over former city Engineer—costing TAXPAYERS unjustified \$3660.00 more per year.

On motion of Councilman Haggard, Council authorized paving of Juniper street (located in a section of town where no other street is paved.) Councilman Haggard has financial interest in five properties on this street.

The Torrance Airport which has proven itself as a source of Revenue, is now, on the contrary, by recent action of the City Council losing revenue each month.

It is your duty, as citizens and taxpayers to investigate the facts presented above and give your support to the Torrance Civic Betterment Group.

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KENNETH KAIL, Secretary
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